



Neighbourhood Development Plan Onwards to the finishing post

The second 6-week consultation on the draft Plan ended on 31 October. The Information Day and Autumn Fayre organised by Whitmore Parish Council provided a perfect opportunity on 13 October to hold a “drop-in” session for anyone who wished to talk to us. Those who visited our stall at Whitmore village hall included both seasoned supporters and new residents recently moved in to the area.

Once again the Borough Council has commented helpfully and positively on the Plan. We hope to have a meeting with planning officers at Castle House before the end of November, after which we will make some final revisions to the text. The Plan will then be ready for formal submission to the Borough Council by Whitmore Parish Council (the “lead” parish council in the project).

On receipt of the Plan, the Borough Council will publicise it for a 6-week period, following which it will be examined by an Independent Examiner. The task of the Examiner will be to review the Plan and determine whether it meets the “basic conditions”.

The 5 basic conditions are that the Plan must:

- have appropriate regard to national planning policy
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan
- be compatible with EU obligations
- meet human rights requirements.

Any comments that the Borough Council receives during the publicity period will be passed on to the Examiner. The Examiner will consider any such comments only if they are relevant to the purpose of the examination – that is, if they relate to the question whether the Plan meets the 5 basic conditions. If the Examiner is satisfied that the Plan meets the basic conditions he or she will then recommend that it proceeds to referendum.

During the coming weeks, in addition to making final revisions to the Plan and preparing supporting documents that must be submitted with it, we will work with the Borough Council to select an Independent Examiner, who will then be formally appointed to the task by the Borough Council.

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